

ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Friday, September 18, 2015
12:30 p.m.

Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Alameda Countywide Water Supplier Update – Various Water Agencies

Bob Shaver, General Manager, Alameda County Water District, presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Committee on the statewide drought and water conservation.

The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) was founded in 1914, and serves the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City, approximately 83,000 customers. The ACWD receives water from three (3) sources: 1) Alameda Creek Watershed 2) State Water Project and 3) San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. The ACWD has been proactive throughout the years of drought their customers have exceeded conservation goals. ACWD's water supply situation has improved for 2015, and they continue to focus on water efficiency, partnerships with other water agencies and long-range water supply planning will be necessary.

Eileen White, Manager of Operations, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), presented a PowerPoint presentation on the statewide drought and water conservation.

The customer demand reduction savings goals are District-wide. The customer demand reduction goal is based on an across the board savings. Customers are asked to reduce their use in comparison to 2013 by striving for 35 gallons per person per day for indoor use and watering no more than two days a week for outdoor irrigation. The focus is on outdoor irrigation, as this use can account for as much as 35-70% of a single family residential customers use. The District also developed a new Excessive Water Use Penalty Ordinance which is aimed at very high users who use more than 4 times the average household not compliant with the District's drought regulations.

Jill Duerig, General Manager, Zone 7, presented PowerPoint presentation on the statewide drought and water conservation efforts.

Zone 7 is conducting a cost-of-service study, including financial analysis of drought impacts and updating financial planning for future sustainability; preliminary results include recommendations for restructuring and increased water rates. The Department of Water Resources is updating their State Water Project Reliability Report. Zone 7 is also updating its Risk Model to incorporate the State Water Project Reliability Report and include new local data from 2014 drought. Zone 7 is in the process of updating the 2011 Water Supply Evaluation, incorporating new modeling results. Zone 7 will use the Water Supply Evaluation Update for the 2015 Urban Water Management and Drought Contingency Planning Effort.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Update on Potential Oil & Gas Exploration Regulations – Community Development Agency

Albert Lopez, Director, Alameda County Planning Department, presented a memorandum to update the Committee on Regulating Oil and Gas in Alameda County.

In February of 2015, the Transportation and Planning Committee directed the Planning staff to develop proposed amendments to the County's General Plan to prohibit or restrict oil and gas exploration and extraction in Alameda County, which could include hydraulic fracturing also known as "fracking".

The Planning staff has developed three options for the Committee to consider regarding regulating oil and gas in Alameda County:

- a) Eliminate all references to oil/gas exploration in the East County Area Plan (General Plan) and thereby making all existing uses legal/nonconforming.
- b) Introduce an ordinance that would prohibit the land use type known as hydraulic fracturing with a state-of-the-art definition of fracking and its various components.
- c) Take no immediate action and monitor ongoing developments. This option recognizes that there is currently no known fracking activity occurring in Alameda County.

Speakers

Frank Burton requested the Committee consider and incorporate into Option b, recommendations from a study released on hydraulic fracturing as a result of SB 4.

Liz Solorio, represents Food and Water Watch, and supports a full ban on fracking in Alameda County.

Rebecca Franke supports Option b, a ban on fracking. The proposed ordinance is similar to the San Bernardino County ban on fracking and that ordinance has not been successfully challenged.

Chuck Moore does not support the ordinance and in addition, fracking is not likely to happen in Alameda County. Mr. Moore supports Option c.

Rose Braz, represents the Center for Biological Diversity, supports a ban on fracking in Alameda County. There are many bans on fracking across the state and currently there is no litigation contesting the bans.

Amy Roth, E and B Natural Resources, which does Oil and Gas production near Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, has not done any hydraulic fracturing in Alameda County.

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Recommendation from Transportation and Planning Committee: The Transportation and Planning Committee recommended Option B; this item will go to the Alameda County Planning Commission and then to the full Board of Supervisors.

III. LAMP Milestone Schedule

Dilan Roe, Program Manager, Environmental Health Department, presented a memorandum to update the Committee on the Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) schedule for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS).

Alameda County currently administers a local wastewater management program for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems in the Environmental Health Department. In 2012, the California State Water Resources Control Board adopted the Water Quality Control Policy for siting, design, operation and maintenance of OWTS. In order to continue local oversight, the County must develop a LAMP to comply with the new State policy.

The Environmental Health Department has hired Questa Engineering Corporation and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation as consultants to help develop the County's LAMP. The consultants will begin with an initial presentation to the Septic Commission on September 29, 2015.

The proposed timeline to produce a draft LAMP is March, 2016.

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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